

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29

LAST DAY TO DONATE TOWARD POINSETTIAS Would you like to help decorate the church and honor loved ones with beautiful poinsettias during Advent? The plants cost \$10 each. Please email office@fpcmoscow.org or mail in a note with your name and names of those you wish to remember or dedicate to, along with your check (payable to First Presbyterian Church, designated "poinsettia") no later than November 30.

LIGHTING ADVENT CANDLES We are still in need of couples or families to light the Advent candles in worship on Sunday mornings. Readings will be provided, and arrangements can be made to make a video in advance for those who prefer to avoid in-person gatherings. If you are interested, contact Kathy at office@fpcmoscow.org or 208-997-8837.

STEWARDSHIP 2020 – GIVE TO GOD WHAT IS GOD'S

This verse from Matthew 22 is the theme of our annual stewardship campaign. A letter introducing the stewardship pledge drive, along with a financial pledge card and a Time and Talents pledge, was mailed last week. Please consider how you can support the work and ministry of our church in 2021, and return your pledge as soon as possible so Session can begin planning for next year. Stewardship dedication will be December 13.

Give
therefore.
to **GOD**
the things that
are **GOD's**.

Matthew 22:21



GIVING TO HURRICANE RELIEF If you are interested in donating toward hurricane and natural disaster relief efforts, here are a few options.

For general disaster relief

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance: <https://pda.pcusa.org/>

Specifically for Hurricane Iota

<https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/hurricane-iota/>

To send money to our contacts in Las Salinas, Nicaragua (hard hit by flooding) to help that particular village use Tithe.ly and choose gift type 'Other' and in the Note/Memo line put Nicaragua Fund.

CEPAD Nicaragua currently works in programs of sustainable agriculture, economic development for women, psychosocial attention, community organization and training, strengthening of pastoral leadership, exchanges between delegations and partnerships, and education from a faith-based perspective. Much of the focus near term will be to help rebuild from the devastation caused by recent hurricanes:

<https://cepadnica.org/donate/#give-a-one-time-gift>

TAIZÉ WORSHIP ONLINE A pre-recorded video service of scripture, prayer, music, and meditation will be posted on YouTube at 5 p.m. each Wednesday for you to watch at your convenience. You can join Taizé on our You Tube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCzTiJBUB4fHAgVPGn5rgag>

STAR OF HOPE Be sure to drive by the church after dark to see our new Star of Hope illuminating the front of the building. The star was donated by Ed Schaper and decorated by the Johansens for everyone to enjoy.

PRAYER BOARD Also new in the church yard is a prayer board where we, as a community, will be able to share our grief and sorrow, hopes and prayers, through prayer flags, written prayers, remembrances, photos, etc. More details to come. This idea was conceived by Pastor Norman with the support of our Session, and built by Andy Johansen.

DEACONS' BENEVOLENCE OFFERING FOR DECEMBER

The Deacons are partnering with Family Promise of the Palouse in their annual Avenues of Hope fundraiser in December. Rather than giving our December benevolence offerings through the church, we will give through Avenues of Hope, which will match our donations, doubling our gifts. Watch for more information about this in the December *News & Views* next week.

SANCTUARY OPEN FOR PRAYER ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Enter through the glass door into the lower chapel room. All are welcome to drop in for up to an hour of silent reflection. Masks and social distancing required. Please sign in and out, and follow posted safety protocol.

DO YOU HAVE YOUR PIN YET? If you need to enter the church to conduct church business, do volunteer work, pick up/drop off supplies, attend meetings, etc. you may request access by emailing the office, or calling/texting Kathy at 208-997-8837. There are also PIN Request forms in the narthex, along with a collection box where you can deposit your completed form, and a jar to collect old keys for recycling.

LIBRARY/CHAPEL AREA AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT Session is opening the Library or Chapel Room to the congregation for small church-related gatherings. COVID protocols apply. Anyone wanting to use the space must make a reservation at least one day in advance by contacting Kathy at office@fpcmoscow.org or calling 208-882-4122 or 208-997-8837.

CARING ANGEL NETWORK If you become ill, contact the church so we can pray for you and, if needed, bring meals or run errands. Please contact

your deacon, Deacon Moderator Susan Billin at 208-310-1151 or susan.billin@gmail.com, or the church office at 208-882-4122 or office@fpcmoscow.org. Our caring volunteers are ready to help.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL GIVING We are grateful to all who have been sending in contributions, ensuring the continued financial health of our church and the continuation of our ministry, both within our church and out in our community. Offerings may be made in one of these ways:

- Give online using the GIVE button on the FPC website or <https://tithe.ly/give?c=982246>
- Mail your check to First Presbyterian Church, 405 S. Van Buren, Moscow, ID 83843

STAFF AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT

Due to COVID-19 concerns, the church staff is working remotely, and will be available by appointment. Call 208-882-4122 and leave a message, text the church cell phone at 208-997-8837, or email the staff member directly:

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